

On March 20th, her family and friends honored her at a special birthday party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Collinsville.

For most of her adult life, she has been and avid pinochle and bridge player. In fact she was on the high score board for six months running at the Collinsville Senior Center when she was a mere 99 years young.

She attended SS. Peter and Paul Catholic School and Collinsville Township High School where she graduated in 1917. During her remarkable life, she has visited all 50 states and has traveled twice to Europe. She has been an active member of her church and had a career in banking at a time when many women weren't yet allowed let alone encouraged to do so.

She once said that her secret to a long life includes family, friends, music, traveling and plenty of hard work. Yet the most telling component of her secret was the most basic once when she said "Have faith in God. I still do."

Congratulations on 100 years of making a difference in our lives. Here's to the next 100.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT LEE
TENG-HUI

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, for many years now, I have joined my colleagues in congratulating the leaders of the Republic of China (ROC) on their National Day, on associated anniversaries, and other special occasions.

Today I congratulate President Lee Teng-hui on completing 3 years in office. President Lee is an energetic man who is moving forward on a number of diplomatic fronts to engage Taiwan as an emerging democracy and economic Pacific power.

In the years ahead, I hope that Taiwan will continue to enjoy its prosperity and freedom.

TRIBUTE TO MATT FONG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Matt Fong for his service to the state of California and the United States. Matt Fong's leadership and accomplishments in Republican politics has had a profound impact on the advancement and quality of life in California and America.

Matt Fong has been committed to public service for many years, most recently as California Treasurer. As treasurer, Mr. Fong worked to create higher efficiency within the office, thereby saving California taxpayers millions of dollars. He earned additional funds for California schools, hospitals, and prisons through wise investments, and boosted California's ratings with investors. Mr. Fong has done much to increase funds for small business and education, and has also worked to revitalize California's inner cities.

Aside from his many accomplishments as California treasurer, Matt Fong is a United States Air Force Academy graduate. He

served as regent of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, regent of Pepperdine University, where he received his master's degree in Business administration, and he was director of the Boy Scouts of America in the Los Angeles area. Other activities and awards include: National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform, Congressional National Security Group, Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on State and Local Investment Practices, Chairman of the Pacific Rim Financial Summit, Distinguished Alumnus Award from both Pepperdine University and Southwestern University of Law where he received his jurist doctorate degree, Governing Magazine's Deal of the Year Award, Industry Award of Excellence from the National Federation of Municipal Analysts, honored for service to impoverished communities by the First AME Church of Los Angeles, excellence 2000 Award from the United States Pan Asian-American Chamber of Commerce, and the Simon Wiesenthal Center Award for efforts to promote restitution for Holocaust victims from Swiss banks.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Matt Fong for his service to the state of California, and the United States. Mr. Fong is a faithful public servant who has shown care and dedication to business, education and the well being of California and the American community as a whole. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Matt Fong many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD AND IRMA
POWELL

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful couple, The Powells.

Richard and Irma Powell are classic examples of the "Greatest Generation". They work hard, play by the rules, and achieve success doing so. They defined responsibility, honesty, thrift, and fair dealings. Their devotion to their family and church is extraordinary.

Both Richard and Irma Powell were born, raised and spent their entire lives in Stanley Point, Arkansas. They raised a large family of children that carry on the values that make the Powells so special.

After the loss of Richard some years ago it took years for Sunday to be the same with his absence from the front row. His occasional impromptu statements to the congregation were profound and memorable. There was never any doubt of his sincerity of commitment.

Mr. Powell was a great student of nature and human nature. The integrity and dedication of the Powells is a living example to all that knew them, especially to institutions like marriage. They were married for 59 years before Mr. Powell passed on.

They accept their lot philosophically, and epitomize the vision Thomas Jefferson had in mind when he helped found this great nation.

Our community is a better place because of their presence, and they are a bless to us all.

IN HONOR OF THE GRADUATION
VIP PROGRAM, NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the graduation of the Vocational Independence Program students (VIP) at the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) in Central Islip, New York. It was my great pleasure to meet with these students in Washington, D.C. last month. They are a wonderful group and I am very proud of their achievement.

The Vocational Independence Program was founded in 1987 by Jim Rein, Dave Finkelstein and Neal Nelson. VIP is a work/study recreational program that establishes a transition for sixteen to twenty-one year old learning disabled young adults considering post-secondary career options. Soon after its creation, the program developed into what is the current year-round VIP program. The program provides continuing academic exposure to the students and as training for varied vocational options, work experiences and social and independent living skills development. As a part of the campus of NYIT, the students are able to take college beyond its special curriculum.

In our meeting last month, I was impressed with the VIP students keen understanding of how government works and the depth of their questions about my job and working in Congress. They have certainly benefitted from their various studies and trips outside the classroom. These experiences were a fine supplement to their excellent classroom curriculum.

As someone with a learning disability, I commend the students for not allowing their own disabilities to prevent them from attending college and moving into the workforce. They have demonstrated a determination and quest for knowledge which all students should aspire.

My best wishes to each of the graduates and their teachers, families and friends. I wish you great success now and in the future.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
MARCUS T. JAMEYSON ON HIS
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. BILLMORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Marcus T. Jameyson, of Wellington, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Mr. Speaker, Marc has accepted his offer of appointment and will be attending West Point this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2003. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers